



From the
Headmaster

Autumnal greetings on our final day of what has been a fantastic half term. It has been a typically busy St John's week. Our annual Hunter Jones Poetry Recital Competition Final took place on Monday; on Wednesday our Year 5 boys enjoyed a full day of co-curricular interactive learning about life as an evacuee in World War II; Junior boys planted Spring bulbs in our Wellbeing Garden and Pre-Prep children sang and performed beautifully in front of parents at our Harvest Festival, as we raised funds and food donations for City Harvest. We were also pleased to announce new positions of responsibility and congratulate the boys who were awarded with these important roles. We hope you will enjoy this photographic record of our week. I also hope that all boys have a good rest, spend time with their families and read some interesting books over the coming days.

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Our Juniors planted bulbs this week ready for Spring





New positions of responsibility

In Assembly this week Mr Jenkin awarded badges to the boys who have been awarded with newly-created positions of responsibility in our School community. Congratulations to all these boys. We look forward to working with you.



Peer Mentors



Music Prefects



Votes for Schools Ambassadors



Digital Leaders



Congratulations boys!



Charities Prefects



The Hunter Jones Final

Our finalists performed their poems for the judging panel and in front of an audience of teachers and fellow peers. The winner of the Junior Section was Shayan in 5C and the Senior Section winner was Hamza in 8G. Highly commended were Hamza S in 5E for ambition and Niam P in Year 6 for expression. Year Group winners were Ayman 3P; Krish 4W; Ifan 6D and Aren 7D. Guest performers included the public speaking club during the interval, with their rendition of Wes Magee's finger-clicking 'Boneyard Rap'. Our Head Boy and his team made sure that the event ran smoothly, and photos were taken by Rishi and Agastya. Richard Gough (writer and Head of English from MTP) told Mrs Long that this experience would enrich all the boys' learning across the curriculum and would remain a memorable achievement for the rest of their lives.





The Hunter Jones Final





Hunter Jones Poetry Recitation Finalists 2024

Junior Section Years 3-5

- 3B Jai: Cooking Class - Kenn Nesbitt
3B Ahren: The Silliest Teacher in School - Darren Sardelli
3B Rafi: Spaghetti - Shel Silverstein
3P Ryaan: My Doggy Ate My Essay - Darren Sardelli
3P Zeeshan: Daddy Fell Into The Pond - Alfred Noyes
3P Ayman: Messy Room - Darren Sardelli
4O Alessandro: Our Dog's Name is Roomba - Kenn Nesbitt
4O Shaan: The Crocodile - Lewis Carroll
4O Aarav: The Panda - Donna Ward Chappell
4W Krish: I Dressed up as a Dinosaur - Kenn Nesbitt
4W Kiaan: I Did Not Eat the Goldfish - Roger Stevens
4W Shayan: AstroCow - Kenn Nesbitt
5P Ahad: The Land of Nod - Robert Louis Stevenson
5E Hamza: Over the Misty Mountains - J.R.R. Tolkien
5P Vihaan: Vampire - Steve Turner
5P Darsh: Ghost in the Garden - Berlie Doherty
5C Shayan: A Boy Called Harry Potter - D. Believer
5C Eliyas: The Moon Speaks - James Carter

Senior Section Years 6-8

- 6A Ehsaan: All Set for an Adventure - Clay Kohut
6D Ifan: Ithaca - Constantine Cavafy
6D Lucas: Travel - Robert Louis Stevenson
6S David: Travel - Robert Louis Stevenson
6S Niam: Jabberwocky - Lewis Carroll
7D George: In Flanders Fields - John McCrae
7D Aren: Absolution - Siegfried Sassoon
7D Om: The War of Kurukshetra from the Mahabharata
8K Ansh: If - Rudyard Kipling
8K Rafay: The Road Not Taken - Robert Frost
8G Hamza: The Invitation - O. Mountain Dreamer
8G Neer: Invictus - William Ernest Henley
8G Abbas: Ulysses - Alfred Lord Tennyson



THIS WEEK

Life as a World War II evacuee

On Wednesday, *History Off the Page* delivered a full day of engaging, interactive learning for Year 5, that included drama, role play and hands-on activities. Our boys did not just hear about life during WW2 – they lived it and returned home with lasting memories and a deeper understanding of the themes in their next set text: 'Carrie's War' by Nina Bawden.





Life as a World War II evacuee





City Harvest Collection

Thank you all for your generous donations to City Harvest. The Head Boy team and two of our newly appointed Charities Prefects helped load the van this morning. Items have been counted and the winning House will be announced next term.



AROUND SCHOOL



**UK ITF National Championships
October 2024**

Theodore won two gold medals last weekend. It was a fantastic achievement to win gold in both the sparring and patterns championship at National level. Well done Theodore!



Zak in the Cygnets made his TV debut earlier this week in the BBC soap Eastenders. He filmed over the summer holidays, and appears in a few more episodes next week. We look forward to seeing you Zak!



Waiting for the Harvest Festival to begin



Rev James Fields led our Harvest Assembly this week. He talked about hope in all humanity and hope in each of us.



AROUND SCHOOL



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Sheil in the Eagles began his acting career in Summer 2023. His enthusiasm for performing has taken him on various assignments, from television to online platforms, where he has quickly gained recognition, especially among young audiences.



These boys measured themselves in baked beans when they brought their Harvest donations in - almost 13 large tins tall!



Planting bulbs



5 Endurance evacuees looking forward to their exciting day



Bulb planting in the Wellbeing Garden

The Junior boys helped our volunteer, Helen Bevan, to plant some bulbs in our Wellbeing garden this week. The boys requested hyacinths and alliums to make a fabulous colour display in the sunnier parts of the garden, plus some daffodils beside each of the entrances. We are looking forward to seeing them bloom in the Spring.





Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival was a wonderful occasion this week. Reception to Year 2 boys sang their hearts out, and the Year 2 narrators spoke with confidence and clarity. We are very proud of you, boys.





Year 1 investigate shadows

In Science, the Otters and Owls have been learning that opaque objects do not let light through. It was great fun investigating this, making the classroom dark and using torches to make shadows.

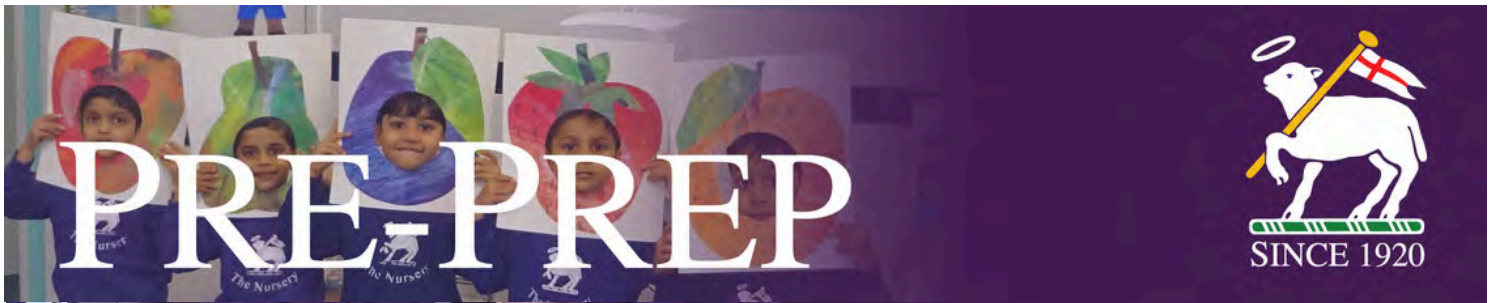




A Gourd-geous week in Nursery!

Nursery have enjoyed exploring a variety of different pumpkins, squashes and gourds this week. They loved cutting them up and talking about what we could see, feel and smell. Boys further used their fine motor skills to hit golf tees into them and scissors to cut up the seeds and pulp. Everyone had fun.





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Another busy week in Music

Year 8 have been working on Reggae-inspired compositions. Year 4 have enjoyed listening to each other and appraising in their performance lessons. Mr Gathercole has been working with the Brass Quintet and Mrs Carter and her boys are working hard to prepare for their ABRSM instrumental examinations in December.





A busy end of term in the Art Room

Year 3 have been creating colourful kaleidoscopes. Year 4 have been learning about tinting and shading. Year 7 have enjoyed creating giant doughnuts - Yum! Portfolio Art clubbers have been drawing refraction. Attention all photography enthusiasts! Merchant Taylors' have invited us to participate in their annual photography competition. This year's theme is 'Function'. There is more information in the bulletin.





We are playing beautiful football

The Year 5 boys played some excellent football vs St Margaret's last week. We came away with several wins and the boys were very happy to play in a new local derby. In their games against MTP, the Under 9 boys also acquitted themselves admirably and showed plenty of development since their first games of the season. Goals were scored and wins were enjoyed.



St John's Fireworks Night

Thursday 7th November



Food served from 5:15pm
Fireworks Display starts at 7pm

Guy
Competition
Pumpkin
Competition
Bonfire

Mulled wine,
Hot
Chocolate
stalls &
Crepes

MENU

VEGAN
Burger

Jumbo Chicken Hot
Dog (Halal)

Food served with chips
and a drink

Tickets:
Child £12
Adult £14

Tickets include food and a drink